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TOWN OF
GILSUM
NEW HAMPSHIRE

— 1971 —



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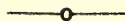
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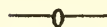
FOR THE YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31, 1971



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IN MEMORY OF

RONALD F. BERNIER

SELECTMAN

1969 — 1971

TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen

ROBERT D. BLOUIN '74

DALE S. JOHNSON '73

Town Clerk

BETTY PRATT

Town Treasurer

SANDRA BALLOU

Collector of Taxes

BETTY PRATT

Road Agent

DONALD W. BALLOU

Police

RALPH D. MERCHANT, JR., CHIEF, Resigned

SHELDON WRIGHT Resigned

DAVID MARTIN Resigned

DAVID RHOADES, CHIEF, Appointed

Trustees of Trust Funds

DONALD W. BALLOU - HOMER S. TILLSON

CLARENCE J. BLACKSTOCK

Auditor

MAE LASSMAN

Civil Defense

GEORGE NAVISH

Moderator

ERNEST PETER

Supervisors of Check Lists

GLADYS A. BLACKSTOCK '72

CARL B. ALEXANDER '76 - RUTH FINCH '74

Budget Committee

JAMES N. McHOUL '74 - RALPH I. JERNBERG '72
ANTHONY T. MOLESKY '73
GEORGE NAVISH '73 - MARILYN COPPO '72

Planning Board

JOHN C. CALHOUN, Jr. '72 - JAMES McHOUL '72
RAYMOND MOONEY '73 - LORRAINE KING '74
ROBERT COPPO '75

Board of Adjustment

SUMNER HALL '72
ANTHONY T. MOLESKY '73 - CARROLL KING '74

Recreation Commission

HAROLD BUFFUM - THEODORE NICHOLS
RICHARD SONOSKY - GEORGE NAVISH
NANCY KEATING

Conservation Commission

JOHN C. CALHOUN, Jr. - ELEANOR TOWNS
ROBERT PRATT - BETTY PRATT
RICHARD SPOON - MARY JONES

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

TOWN WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Gilsum in the County of Cheshire in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Gilsum on Tuesday, the 7th day of March, next at one of the clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Polls will be open until six of the clock in the afternoon. The business meeting will be called to order at eight of the clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to be deposited in the Capital Reserve Fund for the Library.
2. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum not exceeding thirty-six thousand (\$36,000) dollars for the construction of a Public Library Building, which building is also to have space reserved for use of the Town Selectmen and such other Town officials as the Board of Selectmen shall authorize; the said sum of thirty-six thousand (\$36,000) dollars to be raised as follows: by withdrawing the sum of nineteen thousand five hundred (\$19,500) dollars plus accumulated interest from the Library Capital Reserve Fund (said reserve fund will contain nineteen thousand five hundred (\$19,500) dollars plus accumulated interest if Article 2 is passed) and the balance, to wit, sixteen thousand five hundred (\$16,500) dollars to be raised through the issuance of notes and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such notes, and to determine the time and place of payment thereof under such terms and conditions as they deem to be in the best interest

of the Town; and further provided that the Selectmen be authorized to accept on behalf of the Town a tract of land which is to be offered to the Town without cost for use as a public library and town offices, said acceptance of the land by the Selectmen to be on such conditions as the Selectmen shall deem advisable, provided however, that if for any reason, the contemplated conveyance of land does not materialize, then in such event, any action taken by the voters under this Article is to be null and void. (2/3rds vote by written ballot required for passage).

3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand three hundred fifty (\$15,350) dollars for the purchase of a Snow Removal Vehicle. Such sum to be raised through the issuance of notes and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such notes, and determine the time and place of payment thereof under such terms and conditions as they deem to be in the best interest of the Town, said notes to be repaid from Highway Subsidy Funds which the Town is to receive from the State Highway Department while such funds are available and that in the event that the said Highway Subsidy Fund Program is terminated prior to payment of the notes, the balance due thereon is to be paid from general funds of the Town. (2/3rds vote by written ballot required for passage)

4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$397.00 in support of the operating cost of the Elliott Community Hospital for the year 1972

5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$171.00 as the Towns share in support of the Monadnock Family and Mental Health Service.

6. To receive the report of the Budget Committee and act in any manner relating thereto.

7. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges and make appropriations of the same.

8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

9. To see if the Town will vote to appoint a committee to take charge of the observance of Memorial Day.

10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell any or all pieces of real estate, either by auction or private sale, acquired by tax deed, said property to be advertised three weeks prior to sale.

11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to issue permits without charge for supervised activities held on Town Grounds, said permits to include camping and the erection of temporary facilities.

The following articles will be voted on during the voting hours 10 A.M. to 6 P.M. by special ballot.

A1. To elect delegates to the National Convention.

A2. "To take the sense of the qualified voters whether the amendments of the Constitution proposed by the 1971 session to the General Court shall be approved."

A3. Question: Shall the game of Bingo or Beano be allowed in the Town of Gilsum?

12. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this nineteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy-two.

Dale S. Johnson

Robert D. Blouin

Selectmen of Gilsum

A true copy of Warrant -- Attest

Dale S. Johnson

Robert D. Blouin

Selectmen of Gilsum

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF GILSUM

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the
Ensuing Year January 1, 1972 to December 31, 1972

Compared with Estimated and Actual Revenue.

Appropriations and Expenditures
of the Previous Fiscal Year

SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Estimated Revenue Year 1971	Actual Revenue Year 1971	Estimated Revenue Year 1972
From State:			
Interest and Dividends			
Tax	\$ 250.00	277.64	275.00
Savings Bank Tax	200.00	288.47	300.00
Highway Subsidy		2,768.70	5,525.66
Meals and Rooms Tax	2,000.00	2,548.90	2,200.00
Reimbursement a-c State and Federal forest lands		242.20	250.00
Reimbursement a-c Exemption of Growing wood & timber	500.00	1,124.94	750.00
For Fighting Forest Fires		29.96	
From Local Sources:			
Dog Licenses	150.00	241.00	200.00
Bus. Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees		18.00	
Rent of Town Hall and Other Buildings	250.00	276.00	250.00
Interest Received on Taxes	500.00	1,057.47	750.00
Motor Vehicle Permits Fees		4,963.53	4,750.00
Sale of Town Property		256.40	
Withdrawals from Capital Reserve Funds			17,531.91
Amount Raised by Issue of Bonds or Notes:			
Library and Town Offices			16,468.09
Snow Plow			9,824.34
Reimbursements a-c Business Profits Tax:			

(Town Portion Only)	1,000.00	327.35	250.00
Stock in Trade		986.96	

From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:

(a) Resident taxes retained	500.00	1,580.00	1,500.00
(c) Yield Taxes		59.53	

TOTAL REVENUES			\$60,825.57
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APPROPRIATIONS

	Appropriations Previous Year 1971	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1971	Estimated Appropriations Ensuing Year 1972
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	2,500.00	1,830.00	2,500.00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,600.00	2,193.51	2,200.00
Election and Registration Expenses	250.00	233.39	350.00
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Buildings	2,000.00	2,092.95	2,100.00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police Department	1,000.00	799.81	1,070.00
Fire Department	1,000.00	1,020.19	1,000.00
Moth Exterm.—Blister Rust and Care of Trees	150.00	135.00	150.00
Insurance	1,600.00	1,844.79	2,000.00
Planning and Zoning	799.06	361.01	375.00
Damages and Legal Expen.	750.00	287.00	750.00
Civil Defense	25.00		
Health:			
Health Department, Incl. Hospitals & Ambulances	646.00	621.00	593.00
Vital Statistics	25.00	15.50	25.00
Town Dump and Garbage Removal	700.00	1,178.13	1,000.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance — Summer & Winter	15,000.00	18,554.18	16,000.00

Street Lighting	1,550.00	1,429.33	1,550.00
General Expenses of			
Highway Department	300.00	588.28	600.00
Town Road Aid	406.86	406.86	354.90
Libraries	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,200.00
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	1,100.00	1,409.61	1,000.00
Old Age Assistance	2,500.00	1,013.76	1,100.00
Aid to Permanently and			
Totally Disabled	1,200.00	3,323.00	3,400.00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day and			
Veterans' Associations	125.00	136.90	125.00
Recreation:	325.00	296.08	616.85
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries	200.00	200.00	200.00
Advertising and			
Regional Associations	115.00	115.00	115.00
Interest on Debt:			
On Temporary Loans	900.00	376.67	500.00
On Bonded Debt	720.00	720.00	600.00
Principal of Debt:			
(a) Bonds	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Capital Outlay:			
Town Construction,			
Town Hall	2,000.00	2,000.00	
New Lands and Buildings			36,000.00
New Equipment			15,350.00
Payment to Capital			
Reserve Funds	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Total Appropriations	\$44,586.92	\$48,281.95	\$96,824.75

James McHoul
Ralph I. Jernberg
Anthony Molesky
George Navish
Marilyn Coppo
Budget Committee

INVENTORY OF TAXABLE PROPERTY

Land, Improved and Unimproved	\$ 1,643,700.00
Buildings	2,192,396.00
Factory Buildings	20,300.00
Public Utilities (Electric)	154,300.00
House Trailers, Mobile Homes (19)	49,300.00
Boats (6)	1,300.00
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Total Valuation before Exemptions allowed \$	4,061,296.00
Elderly Exemptions (10)	50,000.00
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NET VALUATION	\$ 4,011,296.00

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SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$ 22,150.00
Furniture and Equipment	6,500.00
Libraries, Furniture and Equipment	4,000.00
Police Department, Equipment	2,000.00
Fire Department, Lands and Buildings	13,200.00
Equipment	25,000.00
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	2,000.00
Equipment	5,000.00
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	3,500.00
All Lands and Buildings acquired through Tax Collector's deeds	
Land, Frog Pond Area	200.00
Whitten Lot	300.00
Land, State Road, Route 10, North	1,200.00
30a Starkey Lot, Surry-Gilsum Line	1,500.00
Kenny Lot, Banks St.	200.00
Land, Route 10, South	150.00
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TOTAL	\$ 88,500.00

ASSESSMENT OF TAXES

Total Town Appropriations	\$44,586.92
Less: Estimated Revenues & Credits	
Interest and Dividends Tax	277.00
Savings Bank Tax	288.00
Meals and Rooms Tax	2,549.00
Reimbursement a-c State and	
Federal Lands	250.00
Revenue from Yield Tax Sources	1,233.00
Interest Received on Taxes	
and Deposits	942.00
Dog Licenses	200.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	4,337.00
Rent of Town Property & Equipmt.	296.00
Resident Taxes Retained	1,463.00
Highway Subsidy ($\frac{1}{2} \times 5537.41$)	2,768.00
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Total Revenue and Credits	\$ 13,728.00
Net Town Appropriations	30,858.92
Net School Appropriations	73,360.02
County Tax Assessment	3,865.40
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TOTAL of Town, School and County	\$108,084.34
Deduct: Reimb. a-c Property Exempted	1,314.31
Add: War Service Tax Credits	3,800.00
Add: Overlay	1,746.25
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Property Taxes to be Raised	112,316.28
Gross Property Taxes	112,316.28
Less War Service Tax Credit	3,800.00
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TOTAL TAX COMMITMENT	\$108,516.28

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS

Tax Year 1971

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 2,500.00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,600.00
Election and Registration	250.00
Expense, Town Hall and other Town Buildings	2,000.00
Police Department	1,000.00
Fire Department	1,000.00
Moth Exterm., Blister Rust	150.00
Insurance	1,600.00
Planning and Zoning	799.06
Damages and Legal Expenses	750.00
Civil Defense	25.00
Health Department, Including Hospitals	646.00
Vital Statistics	25.00
Town Dump	700.00
Town Maintenance, Summer and Winter	15,000.00
Street Lighting	1,550.00
General Expenses, Highway Department	300.00
Town Road Aid	406.86
Libraries	1,100.00
Town Poor	1,000.00
Old Age Assistance	2,500.00
Aid to Permanently & Totally Disabled	1,200.00
Memorial Day	125.00
Recreation	325.00
Cemeteries	200.00
Conservation Commission	100.00
Advertising & Regional Association	115.00
Interest on Temporay Loans	900.00
Town Hall Improvements	2,000.00
Long Term Notes	2,000.00
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	\$ 44,586.92
Interest on Long Term Notes	720.00
Payments to Capital Reserve Funds	2,000.00

STATE TAX COMMISSION

Tax Rates for 1971

Municipal	.89
County	.10
School	1.81
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Combined Rate	\$ 2.80

FINANCIAL REPORT

Of the Town of Gilsum in Cheshire County
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1971

ASSETS

Cash:

In hands of treasurer \$14,142.98

Capital Reserve Funds:

Library 17,531.97

Fire Truck 153.07

Town Hall Repairs 1,104.83

Accounts Due to the Town:

TRA Account 747.05

Unredeemed Taxes:

Total 5,960.90

Uncollected Taxes:

Levy of 1971, Incl. Resident Taxes 34,092.24

GRAND TOTAL \$73,733.04

Current Surplus (Deficit), Dec. 31, 1971 \$14,968.84

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:

Due to State

Resident Taxes - 1971 500.00

School District Tax Payable 33,767.12

Other Liabilities:

Reappraisal Balance 770.66

Civil Defense 312.43

Snow Plow Fund	326.65	
Fire Alarm Account	69.65	
Police Radio	259.00	
Town Hall Maintenance Account	3,921.05	
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Total Accounts Owed by the Town		39,926.46
State and Town Joint Highway Construction Accounts:		
Unexpended balance in Town		
Treasury, Class V	47.87	
Capital Reserve Funds:		18,789.87
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TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$58,764.20
Current Surplus (Excess of assets over liabilities)		14,968.84
GRAND TOTAL		\$ 73,733.04

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:

Property Taxes — 1971	\$ 77,772.56	
Resident Taxes — 1971	1,580.00	
Yield Taxes — 1971	59.53	
Property and Yield Taxes, Prev Years		17,964.41
Poll Taxes, Previous Years		208.00
State Head Taxes, Previous Years		640.00
Interest received on Delinq. Taxes		1,057.47
Penalties: State Head Taxes		63.50
Tax Sales Redeemed		9,658.72

From State:

For Town Road Aid	63.75	
For Class V Highway maintenance	1,737.80	
Highway Subsidy	2,768.70	
Interest and dividends tax	277.64	
Savings Bank Tax	288.47	
Reimbursement a-c- State and		
Federal forest lands	242.20	
Reimbursement a-c Exemption of		
Growing Wood and Timber	1,124.94	

Fighting forest fires	29.96
Reimbursement a-c Old Age Assist.	986.96
Bounties	35.00
Meals and Rooms Tax	2,548.90
Reimbursement a-c Business Profits Tax	327.35
From Local Sources, Except Taxes:	
Dog Licenses	241.00
Business licenses, permits and filing fees	18.00
Rent of town property	276.00
Motor Vehicle permits	4,963.53
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Total Current Revenue Receipts	124,934.49
Receipts Other than Current Revenue:	
Proceeds of Tax Anticipa. Notes	20,000.00
Refunds, Road Repairs	36.00
Sale of Town Property	256.40
Total Receipts Other than Current Revenue	\$20,292.40
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Total Receipts from All Sources	145,226.89
Cash on hand January 1,1971	22,561.09
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GRAND TOTAL	\$167,787.98

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:

Town Officers' Salaries	1,830.00
Town Officers' Expenses	2,193.00
Election and registration expenses	233.39
Expenses Town Hall and other Town Buildings	2,027.55
Reappraisal of Property	4,229.34

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police Department	799.81
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Fire Depart., incl. forest fires	1,020.19	
Moth extermination — Blister		
Rust and care of Trees	135.00	
Planning and Zoning	361.01	
Insurance	1,844.79	
Bounties	12.50	
Health:		
Health Department, including		
Hospitals and Ambulance	621.00	
Vital Statistics	15.50	
Town dumps & garbage removal	1,178.13	
Highways and Bridges : Class V	2,530.76	
Town Road Aid	1,153.91	
Town maint., Summer & Winter	18,554.18	
Street Lighting	1,429.33	
General Expenses, Highway Dept.	588.28	
Libraries:		1,100.00
Public Welfare:		
Old Age Assistance	1,013.76	
Town Poor	1,409.61	
Aid to Permanently and		
Totally Disabled	3,323.00	
Patriotic Purposes:		
Memorial Day, Veteran's Assoc.		
and Old Home Day		136.90
Recreation:		
Parks and playgrounds, including		
Band Concerts		296.08
Public Service Enterprises:		
Cemeteries, incl. hearse hire	200.00	
	100.00	
Unclassified:		
Damages and Legal Expenses	287.00	
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	115.00	
Taxes bought by Town	5,803.08	

Discounts, Abatements & Refunds	2,092.20	
Payments to trustees of Trust		
Funds (New Funds)	2,000.00	
Total Current Maintenance Expenses		\$58,634.30
Debt Service:		
Paid on tax anticipation notes	376.67	
Paid on long term notes	720.00	
Total Interest Payments		1,096.67
Principal of Debt:		
Payments on Tax		
Anticipation Notes	20,000.00	
Payments on long term notes	2,000.00	
Total Principal Payments		\$ 22,000.00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:		
Resident Taxes Paid State Treasr.	713.25	
State Head Taxes paid State Treasr.	648.50	
Taxes paid to County	3,865.40	
Payments to School Districts	66,686.88	
Total Payments to Other Govern. Divisions		\$ 71,914.03
Total Payments for All Purposes		\$ 153,645.00
Cash on hand December 31, 1971		14,142.98
GRAND TOTAL		\$ 167,787.98
Long Term Notes Outstanding:		
Fire Truck		\$ 10,000.00
Reconciliation of Outstanding Long Term Indebtedness:		
Outstanding Long Term Debt, Dec. 31, 1970	\$12,000.00	
Debt Retirement During Fiscal Year:	2,000.00	
		\$10,000.00

TREASURER'S REPORT

Year Ending December 31, 1971

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand January 1, 1971 \$ 22,561.09

Received from Tax Collector:

Property Taxes, Current Year	\$ 77,772.56
Resident Tax, Current Year	1,580.00
Property Taxes, Previous Year	17,964.41
Poll Taxes, Previous Year	208.00
State Head Taxes, Previous Year	640.00
Interest on Taxes	1,057.47
Penalties on Head Taxes	63.50
Tax Sales Redeemed	4,197.03
Tax Sale.	5,461.79
Yield Taxes	59.53

\$ 109,004.29

Received from State:

Reimbursement a-c 6% Business Profits	327.35
TRA Reimbursement	63.75
Class V Highway Maintenance	1,737.80
Interest & Dividends Tax Credit	277.64
Savings Bank Tax Credit	288.47
Reimbursement Forest Conservation Aid	1,124.94
Towns Share, Meals & Rooms Tax	2,548.90
Reimbursement Forest Fires	29.96
Reimbursement State & Federal Forest Land	242.20
Reimbursement Porcupine Bounties	35.00
Stock & Trade Machinery Refund	986.96
Highway Subsidy	2,768.70

\$ 10,431.67

Received from Local Sources:

Dog Licenses	241.00	
Registration of Motor Vehicles	4,963.53	
Rent of Town Property	276.00	
Pistol Permits	18.00	
Loan in Anticipation of Taxes	20,000.00	
Sale of Town Property	256.40	
Reimbursement Road Repairs	36.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 25,790.93
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TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$167,787.98

PAYMENTS

Paid on Selectmen's Orders	\$153,645.00	
Cash on hand December 31, 1971	14,142.98	
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TOTAL PAYMENTS		\$167,787.98

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

SUMMARY OF WARRANTS

PROPERTY, RESIDENT, AND YIELD TAXES

LEVY OF 1971

DR.

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$ 108,815.20
Resident Taxes	2,680.00

Total Warrant	\$ 111,495.20
Yield Taxes	426.87
Added Taxes, Resident Taxes	190.00
Overpayments During Year	
a-c Property Taxes	2,090.00
Interest Collected	
Property Tax	1.68
Penalties on Resident Taxes	5.00

TOTAL DEBITS	\$ 114,208.75
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Remittances to Treasurer

Property Taxes	\$ 77,772.56
Resident Taxes	1,580.00
Yield Taxes	426.87
Interest Collected	1.68
Penalties on Resident Taxes	5.00

79,786.11

Abatements:

Property Taxes	160.40	
Resident Taxes	170.00	330.40

Uncollected Taxes - Dec. 31, 1971

as per collectors list

Property Taxes	32,972.24
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Resident Taxes	1,120.00	34,092.24
TOTAL CREDITS		<u>\$ 114,208.75</u>

SUMMARY OF WARRANTS

PROPERTY, POLL AND YIELD TAXES

LEVY OF 1970

DR.

Uncollected Taxes as of Jan. 1, 1971		
Property Taxes	\$23,566.93	
Poll Taxes	194.00	23,760.93
Added Taxes — Poll Taxes		28.00
Interest Collected		932.96
TOTAL DEBITS		<u>\$ 24,721.89</u>

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer		
Property Taxes	23,426.21	
Poll Taxes	204.00	
Interest collected	932.96	
Deeded to Town	140.72	24,703.89
Abatements: Poll Taxes	14.00	14.00
Uncollected Taxes: Poll Taxes		4.00
TOTAL CREDITS		<u>\$ 24,721.89</u>

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

STATE HEAD TAX

LEVY OF 1970

DR.

Uncollected Taxes		
as of Jan. 1, 1971	\$ 600.00	
Added Taxes	85.00	
Penalties Collected	62.50	
TOTAL DEBITS		<u>747.50</u>

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer		
Head Taxes	640.00	
Penalties	62.50	702.50
Abatements	35.00	
Uncollected Head Taxes		
as of December 31, 1971	10.00	45.00
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TOTAL CREDITS		\$ 747.50

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1971****DR.**

Tax Sale on Account				
of Levies of	1970	1969	1968	Prev.
Balance of Unredeemed				
Taxes Jan. 1, 1971		\$3,194.97	\$551.82	\$149.14
Taxes sold to Town				
during Current				
Fiscal Year	\$5,913.73			
Interest coll. after sale	47.17	109.34		
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TOTAL DEBITS	\$5,960.90	\$3,304.31	\$551.82	\$149.14

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Remittances to Treasurer				
During Year:				
Redemptions	\$2,442.39	\$1,715.96		
Interest after sale	47.17	109.34		
Deeded to Town				
During Year		47.99	64.58	59.48
Unredeemed Taxes				
December 31, 1971	3,471.34	1,431.02	487.24	89.66
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TOTAL CREDITS	\$5,960.90	\$3,304.31	\$551.82	\$149.14

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Total Amount Available	\$2,500.00	
May M. Lassman, Auditor		\$ 40.00
Ronald Bernier, Selectman		200.00
Dale S. Johnson, Selectman		400.00
Robert D. Blouin, Selectman		400.00
Ethel Molesky, Clerk of Selectmen		100.00
Sandra Ballou, Town Treasurer		100.00
Betty Pratt, Town Clerk		65.00
Betty Pratt, Tax Collector		500.00
Ralph D. Merchant, Jr., Dog Constable		25.00
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Total Amount Spent		1,830.00
Unexpended Balance	670.00	

TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

Total Amount Available	\$1,600.00	
Bettina Adams, Town Clerk dues		6.00
Rena M. Houle, Transfers, etc.		57.96
Keene Publishing Corporation		63.22
New England Telephone		179.78
Chases Inc., Supplies		202.99
Postmaster, Gilsum, N.H.		34.40
Association of N. H. Assessors, Dues		15.00
Stacy Press, Reports and Ballots		559.65
May M. Lassman, Auditors Expenses		3.13
N. H. Municipal Association, 1971 dues		50.00
Betty Pratt, Registration Fees, etc.		527.00
Sandra Ballou, Postage		22.00
N. H. Tax Collector Association, Dues		5.00
Wheeler & Clark, Dog Tags		12.89
Bank Charges		10.00
Ralph D. Merchant, Jr., Court Expense		11.00
Homestead Press		67.72
Ronald Bernier, Postage		4.00
Gilsum Village Store		2.08

Keene Shopper, Ad	12.00
Betty Pratt, Cost of Tax Sale	157.94
D. Reed Chaplin, Tax Mortgage List	90.00
Dale S. Johnson	40.00
Anderson the Florist	25.00
Branham Publishing Corp., Reference Book	7.90
Betty Pratt, Postage	24.80
State of N. H., Report of Boats	2.52

Total Amount Spent	\$2,193.98
Overdraft	\$ 593.98

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Total Amount Available	\$1,000.00
Johnson Communications Co.	46.64
State Chemical Corporation	130.00
Everson-Ross, Inc., Badges	114.00
Homer S. Tillson, Fire Training	59.92
Bill's Service Station, Gas	251.20
Allied Radio Shack	76.90
David Adams	269.80
Southwestern N. H. Fire Mutual Aid, Dues	26.60
James Morse	4.83
W.P. Johnson, Inc.	40.30

Total Amount Spent	\$1,020.19
Overdraft	\$ 20.19

TOWN HALL AND OTHER BUILDINGS

Total Amount Available	\$2,000.00
Economy Oil Co., Town Buildings	1,251.17
Public Service Co.	524.96
Carl Alexander, Janitor	153.54
Bibeaus Hardware Company	12.58
Cheshire Oil Company	4.45
Bells Bottled Gas	13.75
Perkins Lumber Company	6.49
David Adams, Fire Ext.	60.61

Total Amount Spent	\$2,027.55
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Overdraft	\$ 27.55	
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INSURANCE

Total Amount Available	\$1,600.00	
Total Amount Spent		\$1,844.79
Overdraft	\$ 244.79	

PLANNING ZONING

Total Amount Available	\$ 799.06	
Keene Publishing Corporation		11.95
SWNH Regional Plan		349.06

Total Amount Spent		\$ 361.01
Unexpended Balance	\$ 438.05	

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Total Amount Available	\$1,000.00	
Chases, Inc., Supplies		3.60
Sheldon Wright, Salary		72.50
Sandra Wright, Matron Services		8.00
Robert Merchant, Salary		47.50
Anthony Molesky, Salary		27.50
James Morse, Salary		27.50
David G. Adams, Fire Ext.		3.50
Clifford Bunker, Jr., Salary		10.00
Benner Electronics, New Installation		50.00
David Rhoades, Police Equipment		40.96
Johnson Communication, Radio		30.00
Ralph Merchant, Jr., Salary		217.50
David Martin, Salary		161.25
David Rhoades, Salary		100.00

Total Amount Spent		\$ 799.81
Unexpended Balance	\$ 200.19	

DAMAGE & LEGAL EXPENSE INCLUDING Dogs

Total Amount Available	\$ 750.00	
Harry Lichman		267.00
Cheshire County Humane Society		20.00

Total Amount Spent		\$ 287.00
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Unexpended Balance	\$ 463.00
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RECREATION

Total Amount Available	\$ 325.00	
Public Service Company		33.35
Gilsum Summer Recreation Program		200.00
Nancy Keating, Halloween Party		22.73
Mrs. Robert Dinsmoor, Christmas Party		40.00
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Total Amount Spent		\$ 296.08
Unexpended Balance	\$ 28.92	

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Total Amount Available	\$ 250.00	
Gladys Blackstock		27.20
Carl B. Alexander		27.20
Ruth Finch		27.20
Janice Mooney		12.80
Genevieve Lounder		12.80
Edward Taylor		12.80
Edith Taylor		12.80
Barbara Navish		12.80
Gilsum Village Store		3.84
Stacy Press, Checklists		83.95
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Total Amount Spent		\$ 233.39
Unexpended Balance	\$ 16.61	

VITAL STATISTICS

Total Amount Available	\$ 25.00	
Betty Pratt, Town Clerk		15.50
Unexpended Balance	\$ 9.50	

BOUNTIES

Richard Fisk		2.50
Ronald Bernier		10.00
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Total Amount Spent		\$ 12.50

BLISTER RUST

Total Amount Available	\$ 150.00	
White Pine Blister		50.00
Troy Johnson, Removal of Tree		85.00

Total Amount Available	\$ 125.00
Unexpended Balance	\$ 15.00

MEMORIAL DAY

Total Amount Available	\$ 125.00	
Gilsum Veterans Association		\$ 136.90
Overdraft	\$ 11.90	

ADVERTISING & REGIONAL ASSOCIATION

Total Amount Available	\$ 115.00	
Total Amount Spent		\$ 115.00

HEALTH DEPARTMENT & HOSPITALS

Total Amount Available	\$ 646.00	
Monadnock Health and Welfare		50.00
Monadnock Family and Mental Health		171.00
Elliot Community Hospital		400.00
Total Amount Spent		\$ 621.00
Unexpended Balance	\$ 25.00	

STREET LIGHTING

Total Amount Available	\$ 1,550.00	
Total Amount Spent		1,429.33
Unexpended Balance	\$ 120.67	

CEMETERIES

Total Amount Available	\$ 200.00	
Total Amount Spent		\$ 200.00

COUNTY TAX

County Tax Paid		\$ 3,865.40
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SCHOOL DISTRICT

Paid to School District		\$66,686.88
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OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Total Amount Available	\$ 2,500.00	
Town's Share Paid to State		1,013.76
Unexpended Balance	\$ 1,486.24	

AID To PERMANENTLY & TOTALLY DISABLED

Total Amount Available	\$ 1,200.00	
Town's Share Paid to State		3,323.00
Overdraft	\$ 2,123.00	

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Total Amount Spent		\$ 2,000.00
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INTEREST ON TEMPORARY LOANS

Total Amount Available	\$ 900.000	
Total Amount Spent		\$ 376.67
Unexpended Balance	\$ 523.33	

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Total Amount Available	\$ 1,000.00	
Carl Alexander, Expenses		32.00
Bullard and Shedd		32.66
Pines Nursing Home c/o Pauline Malony		1,260.00
Elizabeth Heath		75.00
Brooks House Pharmacy		1.95
Dr. Lester H. Lovell		8.00

Total Amount Spent		\$ 1,409.61
Overdraft	\$ 409.61	

NEW CONSTRUCTION

Repairs to Town Hall, Trans. to Special Acct.	\$ 2,000.00	
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INTEREST ON LONG TERM NOTES

Total Amount Available	\$ 720.00	
Total Amount Spent		\$ 720.00

LIBRARIES

Total Amount Available	\$ 1,100.00	
Total Amount Spent		\$ 1,100.00

REAPPRAISAL OF PROPERTY

Total Amount Available	\$ 5,000.00	
Total Amount Spent		\$ 4,229.34
Unexpended Balance	\$ 770.66	

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1971

Title of Appropriation	Appropriations	Reimbursements	Total		Unexpended Balance	Overdraft
			Amount Available	Expenditures		
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,830.00	\$ 670.00	\$
Town Officers' Expenses	1,600.00		1,600.00	2,193.98		593.98
Election & Registration	250.00		250.00	233.39	16.61	
Expense, Town building	2,000.00		2,000.00	2,027.55		27.55
Police Dept.	1,000.00		1,000.00	799.81	200.19	
Fire Dept.	1,000.00	29.96	1,029.96	1,020.19	9.77	
Moth Exterm.	150.00		150.00	135.00	15.00	
Insurance	1,600.00		1,600.00	1,844.79		244.79
Planning & Zoning	739.06		739.06	361.01	438.05	
Damages & Legal Exps.	750.00		750.00	287.00	463.00	
Civil Defense	25.00		25.00		25.00	
Health Dept., incl Hosp.	646.00		646.00	621.00		
Vital Statistics	25.00		25.00	25.00	9.50	
Town Dump	700.00		700.00			
Town Maint., summer-winter	15,000.00	2,768.70	17,768.70	18,554.18		478.13
Street Lighting	1,550.00		1,550.00	1,429.33	120.67	785.48
Gen. Exps.-Highway Dept.	300.00		300.00	588.28		288.28
Town Road Aid	406.86		406.86	356.00	50.86	
Libraries	1,100.00		1,100.00	1,100.00		
Town Poor	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,403.61		409.61
Old Age Assistance	2,500.00		2,500.00	1,013.76	1,486.24	
Aid to perm. & totally disabled	1,200.00		1,200.00	3,323.00		2,123.00
Memorial Day	125.00		125.00	136.90		11.90
Recreation	325.00		325.00	296.08	28.92	
Cemeteries	200.00		200.00	200.00		
Conservation	100.00		100.00	100.00		
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	115.00		115.00	115.00		
Int. on Temporary Loans	900.00		900.00	376.67	523.33	
Town Hall Improvement	2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00		
Long Term Notes	2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00		
Int. on Long Term Notes	720.00		720.00	720.00		
Payments to Capital Reserve	2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00		
Totals	\$44,586.92	\$2,798.66	\$47,385.58	\$48,266.16	\$4,082.14	\$4,962.72

REPORT OF HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Donald W. Ballou, Road Agent

Total Amount Available Appropri. \$15,000.00

Highway Subsidy 2,768.70

\$17,768.70

Donald W. Ballou, labor	\$ 3,510.36
Wilbur Sprague, labor	2,187.56
Karl Pike, labor	824.56
William P. Johnson, Jr., labor	811.27
Carl Alexander, labor	145.24
Aaron Fisk, labor	105.04
Gary Ballou, labor	80.75
Dale S. Johnson, labor	55.00
Gene Bunker, labor	29.00
Donald Sprague, labor	28.00
James Morse, labor	12.00
Sheldon Wright, labor	6.00
Theodore Nichols, labor	4.00
W. P. Johnson, Inc., Equipment Rental	1,986.79
W. P. Johnson, Jr., Equipment Rental	1,409.50
Donald W. Ballou, Truck	907.60
Donald W. Ballou, Saw	2.00
Harley Maguire, Equipment Rental	11.00
William J. Witte, Equipment Rental	159.00
Francis Johnson, Equipment Rental	78.75
W. P. Johnson, Inc., Gas	130.31
Bills Service Station, Gas	112.24
Cold River Hot Mix, Patch	620.96
John Burroughs, Gravel Crushing	2,100.00
Keats Inc., Tractor, Rake and Mower	1,800.00
Wesley Staples, Snow Plow	400.00
Gale Hill, Blades	40.80
Bibeaus Hardware, Equipment	9.66
The Chemical Corporation, Salt	949.37
Keene Sand & Gravel, Sand	6.57

W. P. Johnson, Jr., Sand	30.85
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Total Amount Spent	\$18,554.18
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Overdraft	\$ 785.48
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GENERAL EXPENSES HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Total Amount Available	\$ 300.00
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Southern Parts Corporation, Chains	228.80
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Merrimack Farmers Exchange, Tools	72.10
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Marlow Supply, Parts	44.05
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Blanchflower Lumber, Planks	72.00
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Old Colony Lumber, Spikes	3.15
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Elm City Grain Company, Tools	3.33
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Columbian Steel Co., Chain Hooks	38.43
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Hydraulic Jack Service, Springs	22.00
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St. Johnsbury Trucking, Freight	12.02
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New England Telephone	92.40
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Total Amount Spent	\$ 588.28
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Overdraft	\$ 288.28
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TOWN DUMP

Total Amount Available	\$ 700.00
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Carl Alexander, Custodian	949.30
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Harley Maguire, Bulldozing	220.00
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Donald W. Ballou, labor	5.50
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Bibeaus Hardware, keys	3.33
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Total Amount Spent	\$ 1,178.13
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Overdraft	\$ 478.13
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GAS TAX

Total Amount Available	\$ 2,560.43
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Northeastern Culvert Corporation	663.02
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William J. Witte, Equipment Rental	669.00
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Harley Maguire, Equipment Rental	45.00
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W. P. Johnson, Inc., Equipment Rental	642.73
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Donald W. Ballou, Payrolls	510.51
Total Amount Spent	<u>\$ 2,530.76</u>
Unexpended Balance	\$ 47.87

TOWN ROAD AID

Total Amount Available	\$ 406.86	
Town's Share Paid to State		356.00
Unexpended Balance	\$ 50.86	
Due from State	\$ 747.05	

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

It was a good year!

Our circulation for the year has reached 4,666 volumes. Of these, 2,177 are fiction and the non-fiction has more than doubled since last year --2,489! Also circulated were 427 magazines, 156 audio-visual materials, and 43 records.

Our cardholders included 90 adults and 79 juveniles, of which 49 were the very young children. All of these were prolific readers, as can be seen by the number of books borrowed.

It's good to have the young ones use the library, and credit goes to Mrs. Houle who brought her class in every two weeks last spring and encouraged the children to borrow books each visit. Mrs. Greenslit, too, deserves credit, as she takes, on a regular basis, many books to read to the children in class. This not only encourages reading, but really helps in their school work. The child who is at ease with the printed word usually acquires self-confidence, and his whole behavior is improved.

This year, the Bookmobile has supplied us with 1,783 volumes and we borrowed from the Keene Public Library, 501 books, and 156 audio-visual materials. We've also been able to fill special book requests through the N. H. Inter-library loan service within a few days.

There are currently about 8,600 books in the library and at least another 1,000 not yet on our shelves, mainly because there is no room for them.

Purchases of new books number 112. Included are books on bottle collecting, pressed flowers, landscaping, machine shop practice, organic gardening, and books for the beginning reader. Many donations of books were made by the following: Mrs. Dale Johnson, Mrs. Joyce Handy, Mr. and Mrs. George Chaplin, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Towns, Barbara Handy, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Maine, Mr. and Mrs. Noel Coppage, Mrs. Raymond Hastings, Mrs. Sumner Hall, and Mr. and Mrs. W.F. Stanton.

Magazines now include gifts of Gourmet, Ebony, Travel and Leisure, and PTA, as well as subscriptions to International Wildlife, and Organic Gardening.

While the Summer Recreation Program was going on at the Village School, the Library held the Magic Carpet Story Hour for the pre-schoolers at the Library. This lasted for the full 9 weeks. Mrs. Noel Coppage met with the children each Tuesday and Thursday morning from 9:15 to 10.00 a.m. At least 3 books were read each time. An average of six children (all girls) attended. We would like to continue this in 1972. Let's hope we can get some of the boys interested, too.

Merrylin Johnson's dance class at the Town Hall on Saturday mornings was a big success, too. These programs are fun for all the children, and it is hoped that more families will take advantage of them. There is no charge for any of these.

Our copying machine is now in operation, and for a very small fee and in just a few minutes, you can have copies of your tax papers, license (auto or dog), birth or marriage certificates, pages from a book or what have you.

The Library window has had several displays by local organizations. During 4-H Week, there was a lovely display of articles made by the children of the 4-H Club. At Christmas time, our Gilsum Girl Scouts displayed the beautiful candles they had made. Other town organizations are invited to take advantage of this opportunity.

Gilsum Mine Maps sold this year total 242. This figure includes Library and Rock Swap sales, but the majority were still sold by Mr. Libby at the village store.

It was a good year!

MARION HALL
Librarian

LIBRARY TRUSTEES' REPORT

Though 1971 seemed an inactive year for the Trustees, work was progressing on plans for a new building to house the Town Offices and a Library. It is felt that the Library must have more room in order to further improve the service to the patrons.

Through the efforts of Merrylin Johnson and the Friends of the Library, a dance recital was held in June. Mrs. Johnson's efforts are much appreciated by both the Trustees and the children who are learning to dance.

By combining their resources, the Friends of the Library and the Trustees purchased a new typewriter and a copy machine which, it is hoped, will be found useful by the patrons. The Library also has available copies of the two maps which are included in the Town History. Anyone wishing to purchase copies should contact the Librarian.

Plans are under way to engage in a Rental Plan, whereby the Library rents a certain number of books on a monthly basis, for use of the patrons. With this plan in effect, the newest and latest books will be immediately available to the patrons.

Lois Hastings

Betty Pratt

Ruth Maine

Charles Towns

Lois Wright

F. Sumner Hall

GILSUM PUBLIC LIBRARY

Financial Statement - 1971

GENERAL FUND

Balance January 1, 1971 \$ 240.66

RECEIPTS - 1971

Town Appropriation	\$ 1,100.00	
*Book Sales	53.14	
*Map Sales	60.50	
Book Fines	36.41	
Friends of the Library	149.50	
Refund	5.75	
Miscellaneous	30.00	
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		\$ 1,675.96

EXPENDITURES - 1971

Books (98)	\$ 240.05	
Periodicals (11)	64.93	
Librarian's Salary	435.00	
Custodian	85.00	
Rent	180.00	
Book Binding	11.57	
Supplies	103.08	
Recreation Committee (Rock Swap 10%)	7.03	
3M Copier	249.00	
Used Typewriter	45.00	
Book Truck	26.09	
Miscellaneous	20.40	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,467.15
Balance December 31, 1971		208.81
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		\$ 1,675.96

* Includes Rock Swap Sales

MEMORIAL and FRIEND'S FUNDS

GENERAL FUND

Balance December 31, 1971		\$ 208.81
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MEMORIAL FUND

Balance January 1, 1971	\$ 1,459.52	
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Interest to December 31, 1971	74.63	
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		\$ 1,534.15
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FRIEND'S FUND

Balance January 1, 1971	\$ 192.64	
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Deposit	61.50	
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	\$ 254.14	
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Gift to Library	149.50	
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	\$ 104.64	
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Interest to December 31, 1971	9.82	
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		\$ 114.46
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TOTAL IN ALL FUNDS

		\$ 1,857.42
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FRIENDS OF THE GILSUM PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Friends, once again, are offering the children and adults of Gilsum dance education classes at the Town Hall. An addition to this year's schedule is a boys' gymnastic class. The results of the children's study and efforts will be our Spring Festival of Dance which is on a circus theme this year. The proceeds from these shows go toward new equipment for our library, such as the new copier. As before, the lessons are free of charge and open to all children.

In June of 1971, we presented "Toyland Fantasy" with and adults from age 5 upwards. great success. We were asked by the P.T.A. to repeat this same show on their behalf during Rock Swap to raise funds for their summer recreation project.

A word about the children who participate in this program. They are to be commended for the tremendous task and job well done for their local library. It is my hope that the townspeople will also back their efforts by attending their program this coming spring.

REMEMBER !!

THE CIRCUS IS COMING TO GILSUM !!

(Mrs.) Merrylin G. Johnson, Chairman

REPORT ON THE 1971 GILSUM SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

The first year of the Gilsum Summer Recreation Program opened new worlds to many of the children in Gilsum -- the worlds of nature, art and music; summer became a time of excitement and adventure instead of a time to be passed until school began again. This was our goal and in this respect we succeeded. We had hoped to reach more children than we did but in a town Gilsum's size, an average daily attendance of 30 is a good start.

The 1971 program included two trips made possible by a grant from the New Hampshire Commission on the Arts: the first trip was to the Sunapee Arts and Crafts Fair; the second was a visit to Old Sturbridge Village in Massachusetts. Both trips were highly successful. A grant from the Spaulding Potter Charitable Trust enabled us to buy most of the equipment and supplies we required. Gilsum was visited twice by the Try-Mobile Workshop from the University of New Hampshire; both were exciting theatrical experiences for the children. Plans for the 1972 program include a greater emphasis on organized athletic activities, at least two trips and a reduction of the staff from three to two.

Gilsum has been highly praised by professional recreation leaders at the state level for the fine cooperation and backing the town gave the 1971 program. We wish to say a special thank you to the many individuals and organizations without whose generous contributions the 1971 program would not have been possible. It is the hope of the Board of Directors that the success of last summer's program will serve as a foundation for a continuing strong summer recreation program throughout the years to come.

Board of Directors

Robert C. Cunniff, Chairman
Gary Ballou

Rosemarie Calhoun
William Geer
Nancy Keating
Lorraine King
Judith Peter

GILSUM SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

1971

INCOME:

Cash Received	
Gilsum Recreation Committee	\$ 400.00
Gilsum American Legion	125.75
Town of Gilsum	200.00
Gilsum Ladies Aid	25.00
P.T.A. Treasury	125.00
Keene Rotary Club	50.00
N.H. Commission on the Arts	400.00
N. H. Charitable Trust	250.00
Individual Donations	119.00
N. H. Charitable Trust	250.00
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	\$ 1,694.75
Fund Raising Projects	
Car Smashing, 5-10-71	16.40
Public Supper, 5-10-71	79.15
Dutchmaid Party (N. Keating)	
5-11-71	25.00
Rock Swap Weekend, 7-1-71	98.65
Food Sale-Flea Market, 9-28-71	117.24
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	\$ 336.44
Ashuelot National Bank	
Interest earned, Savings 5-31-71	4.88
Interest earned, Savings 8-31-71	7.13
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	\$ 12.01

TOTAL INCOME RECEIVED	\$ 2,043.20
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EXPENSES:

Salaries

Paul J. Roche, Director	800.00
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Laura Gillum, Assistant	560.00
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Dayna Drake, Assistant	107.20
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Pearl Whipple, Janitor	80.00
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\$ 1,547.20

National Recreation & Park Assoc.	50.00
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Insurance Co. of North America	
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(Liability)	25.00
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\$ 75.00

Arts and Crafts Supplies	119.25
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Sports Equipment	39.41
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\$ 158.66

Cheshire Transportation Co.

(2 trips-Sunapee & Sturbridge)	158.40
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\$ 158.40

Film and Developing	34.79
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\$ 34.79

Misc. Expenses- Stamps, Peanuts,

Watermelons, Manchester Reg.,

Gas & Food (Tri-Mobile Workshop)	31.62
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\$ 31.62

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 2,005.67
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Balance, Checking Account, 10-18-71	31.22
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Balance, Savings Account, 10-18-71	6.31
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\$ 2,043.20

REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND DISTRICT CHIEF

Lest We Forget — It Can Happen Here

Disastrous forest & brush fires that destroy hundreds of homes are more prevalent on the west coast with their dry seasons and strong dry hot winds but 25 years ago this fall is the anniversary of a disaster that devastated large areas of northern New England leaving villages in ashes with rows of cellarholes and chimneys in a number of summer vacation home locations. Many lives were lost on that destructive day of October 23, 1947, nothing could stop the wind driven flames.

It is true that such conditions are unusual for New Hampshire but they happened once, they can happen again. The fuel for fires is all around us. All it takes is a firebrand. Only by cultivating a habit of carefulness with fire at all times can we meet the challenge of protection when dry conditions prevail. Please let these reminders be your guide:

1. Never, either when walking, riding or driving, discard a firebrand - a lighted match or a glowing cigarette.
2. Always obtain a permit for any outside burning. The burning of household rubbish is not permitted if your town has rubbish collection. Burning of grass or garden litter can be dangerous. See your Warden first.
3. If you camp or picnic, be sure open fires are allowed and if they are put them dead out when leaving
4. Most important - instruct your children in the danger of the lighted match. A lighted match and dry grass or forest litter is a dangerous combination which leads to destructive loss and can lead to tragedy.

The past year -1971 was a favorable year for the control of fires. There were too many fire starts in some towns. We thank those who remembered and ask others to heed Smokey's message.

Number of fires reported and acres burned - 1971 season:

State	-	463 fires	-	160 acres
District	-	41 fires	-	12 acres
Town	-	none		

Robert Burns
District Chief

Homer S. Tillson
Forest Fire Warden

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS

Report of Trust Funds of Gilsum, N. H. for fiscal year ended December 31, 1971.

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Date: January 31, 1972

Clarence J. Blackstock
Donald W. Ballou
Homer S. Tillson
Trustees

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS—GILSUM, N.H.— Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1971

		Start of year	PRINCIPAL	End of year	Start of year	INCOME	Bal. end yr.
		of year	of year	of year	of year	Amount	Expd.
1938	Emma Downing—Cemetery	Bank Deposit	\$ 1,319.56	\$ 1,319.56	\$ 65.23	\$ 67.53	\$132.76
1916	Otis H. Kingsbury—Cem.—School	Bank Deposit	300.00	300.00	75.59	15.34	5.07
1956	Charles L. Hubbard—Cemetery	Bank Deposit	500.00	500.00	58.49	25.68	54.17
1956	Bertha V. Lund—Cemetery	Bank Deposit	200.00	200.00	20.25	10.26	20.26
1946	Fannie R. Smith—Cemetery	Bank Deposit	150.00	150.00	22.12	7.69	17.69
1948	Josephine H. Carter—Cemetery	Bank Deposit	200.00	200.00	18.39	10.26	18.65
1948	Viola E. Minor—Cemetery	Bank Deposit	100.00	100.00	12.82	5.13	12.95
1921	Lansing W. Wilder—School	Bank Deposit	500.00	500.00	141.08	25.68	166.76
1938	Emma I. Downing—Cemetery	Bank Deposit	2,486.31	2,486.31		127.81	127.81
1938	Mamie Badger—Cemetery	Bank Deposit	100.00	100.00	11.66	5.13	10.13
1931	Robert Cuthbert—Cemetery	Bank Deposit	100.00	100.00	15.06	5.13	10.06
1927	Emma D. Woods—Cemetery	Bank Deposit	100.00	100.00	16.12	5.13	11.25
1927	Eben W. Jones—Cemetery	Bank Deposit	100.00	100.00	18.51	5.13	15.13
1923	Helen L. Isham—Cemetery	Bank Deposit	50.00	50.00	5.56	2.55	5.56
1914	Charles H. Rawson—Cemetery	Bank Deposit	100.00	100.00	15.76	5.13	15.13
1918	Myron W. Adams—Cemetery	Bank Deposit	100.00	100.00	17.42	5.13	15.13
1906	Webster Fund—Cemetery	Bank Deposit	22.40	22.40	.81	1.24	2.05
1940	Emma Downing—Cemetery	Bank Deposit	2,820.27	2,820.27		157.24	157.24
1939	Ann Dart—Cemetery	Bank Deposit	200.00	200.00	24.54	11.11	14.54
1956	Milton I. Sterns—Cemetery	Bank Deposit	200.00	200.00	27.16	11.11	21.11
1938	Emma I. Downing—Cemetery	Bank Deposit	500.00	500.00	22.55	27.84	50.39
1950	Herbert F. Moore—Cemetery	Bank Deposit	300.00	300.00	34.65	16.69	36.69
1932	K. D. Webster—Cemetery	Bank Deposit	100.00	100.00	15.06	5.53	15.53
1938	Emma Downing—Cemetery	Bank Deposit	479.06	479.06	22.98	26.69	49.67
1900	Daniel Bill—Cemetery	Bank Deposit	400.00	400.00	37.86	22.28	42.28
1932	Sarah Webster—Cemetery	Bank Deposit	75.00	75.00	9.71	4.14	8.85
1798	Minister Fund—Schools	Bank Deposit	300.00	300.00	88.36	16.69	105.05
1962	Homer S. Tillson—Cemetery	Bank Deposit	100.00	100.00	13.98	5.53	15.53
1963	Fred H. Britton—Cemetery	Bank Deposit	100.00	100.00	11.91	5.53	10.53
1969	Charles Blodgett—Cemetery	Bank Deposit	100.00	100.00	1.67	5.53	7.20
1970	J. Homer Tillson—Cemetery	Bank Deposit	100.00	100.00		5.53	5.53
1970	Carl J. Karr—Cemetery	Bank Deposit	100.00	100.00		5.52	5.52
1938	Emma Downing—Cemetery	Public Service	2,600.00	2,600.00		87.10	87.10
1965	Capitol Reserve Fund—Library	Bank Deposit	12,734.90**	797.07*	17,531.97		
1966	Fire Truck Fund	Bank Deposit	145.05	8.02*	153.07		
1970	Town Hall Fund	Bank Deposit	1,046.72	58.11*	1,104.83		
1969	General Fund—Cemetery	Bank Deposit	982.01	54.51*	1,036.52		

** New Fund Created - 4,000.00 * Capital Gain Dividends

\$14,908.68 \$917.71 \$19,826.39 \$825.32 \$744.01 \$1,008.15 \$561.18

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

Date 1971	Place	Baby's Name	Father's Name	Maiden Name of Mother
Jan. 25	Keene	Janel Marie	James Blackstock	Marie R. Matson
Jan. 26	Keene	Jonathan Joseph	Edward Morse, Jr.	Rebecca A. Sonosky
Mar. 14	Keene	Amy Lee	Douglas Howard	Sara L. Fraiser
Mar. 24	Keene	Michele Lynn	Albert Reed	Virginia Wilson
Apr. 15	Keene	Rennae Dawn	Ralph Merchant, Jr.	Judith M. Freihofer
June 21	Keene	Scott Duane	Wilber Sprague, Jr.	Beverly A. Judd
Aug. 28	Keene	Meredith Louise	William Thomas Jr.	Barbara J. Hildreth
Sept. 6	Keene	Sarah Applin	Sherwood Ballou	Marilee A. Hulslander
Sept. 15	Keene	Sharon Marie	Douglas Mooney	Sandra M. Ellis
Oct. 6	Keene	Matthew Scott	Bruce Tillson	Lucy M. Haskins
Oct. 31	Keene	Robert Paul	Gilbert Rouleau	Gladys Alexander

Deaths

Date 1971	Place	Name	Age
Feb. 10	Keene	Carolyn D. Witte	86
April 2	Keene	Joseph H. Tillson	86
May 17	Hanover	Dorothy A. Caligione	45
June 30	Keene	Bernice R. Allard	77
July 15	Gilsum	Donald L. Major	41
July 24	Keene	Louis A. Durant	84
Aug. 24	Gilsum	Ethel G. Page	77
Sept. 4	Concord	Bessie E. Adams	84
Oct. 9	Keene	Ronald F. Bernier	71
Dec. 5	Gilsum	Otto K. Lassman	69

Marriages

Date 1971	Place	Name	Residence
Jan. 30	Troy	Michael J. Sullivan	Gilsum
		Gail M. Leblanc	Troy
April 28	Gilsum	Louis A. Durant	Gilsum
		Katherine Nadeau	Gilsum
May 2	Gilsum	Robert E. Willard	Westport
		Lorna M. Frint	Gilsum
May 8	Keene	Harland S. Hazen	Keene
		Mary A. Molesky	Gilsum
May 15	Keene	Stephen W. Cody	Gilsum
		Deborah M. Lachenal	Keene
May 15	Keene	Gilbert W. Rouleau	Keene
		Gladys I. Alexander	Gilsum
June 26	Gilsum	Frank P. Lackey	Gilsum
		Cathy A. Bunker	Gilsum
July 3	Manchester	Robert B. Pratt	Gilsum
		Elaine M. Desuisseaux	Manchester
July 9	N. Walpole	Donald L. Hillock	Richmond
		Mary I. Canton	Gilsum
July 17	Gilsum	William J. Cummings	Brighton, Mass.
		Judith K. Armington	Roxbury, Mass.
Sept. 27	W. Swanzey	Ronald R. Derosier	Keene
		Linda M. Champagne	Gilsum
Oct. 22	Gilsum	Dale T. Price	Keene
		Patricia Jackman	Gilsum
Nov. 20	Gilsum	Edwin D. Wilber, Jr.	Gilsum
		Diane M. Huckins	Gilsum
Nov. 27	W. Swanzey	Arthur K. Rohloff, Jr.	Gilsum
		Sharron A. Thomas	Naugatuck, Conn.

